Survey of Employer-Provided Training (SEPT) 1995

Employee Survey

Formal training occurs when:

- Employees are taught skills or given information to help them do their jobs better,
- It is planned in advance, and
- It has a structured format and a defined curriculum.

Examples include:

- Attending a class conducted by an employee of your company,
- Attending a seminar given by a professional trainer, or
- Watching a planned audio-visual presentation.
- 1.) In the last 12 months, have you received formal training from your current employer in any of the following areas?
 - a.) Management training
 - b.) Professional and technical skills training
 - c.) Computer procedures, programming, and software training
 - d.) Clerical and administrative support skills training
 - e.) Sales and customer relations training
 - f.) Service-related training
 - g.) Production- and construction-related training
 - h.) Basic skills training
 - i.) Occupational safety training
 - j.) Communications, employee development, and quality training
 - k.) Other
 - 1.) No formal training in last 12 months

Fill out a worksheet at the end of each day, while the day's activities are still fresh in your mind. Do this every day for one week, even if there were days with no training activities. ¹

- Training activities occur any time when you are taught a skill or provided with information to help you do your job better.
- Training activities can be formally presented at a scheduled session or informally provided during your work day by a supervisor or co-worker.
- Each training activity should last at least five minutes.
 [Examples provided]
- 1.) Did you learn a skill or were you given information today to help you do your job better?
- 2.) Who or what helped you lean this skill or information? (For each activity, check all that apply) [Options provided]
- 3.) How did you learn the skill or information? (For each activity, check all that apply) [Options provided]
- 4.) What type of skill or information did you learn? (For each activity, check all that apply) [Options provided]
- 5.) How long did you spend learning this skill or information today?

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Employer Survey

The following questions ask about formal training provided or financed by your establishment. Formal training is planned in advance and has a structured format and defined curriculum.

- 1.) In the last 12 months, in which of the following areas did your establishment provide or finance training for employees? [Areas listed were those in the Employee Survey (#1a-l above), plus the following three areas.]
 - m.) Employee health and wellness
 - n.) Orientation training
 - o.) Awareness training

Please complete one worksheet for every formal training activity that takes place during your two-week reporting period.

- 1.) Use the calendar below to tell us how long this training activity lasted. For each day of the training activity, fill in the **date** and the **number of hours** that the training activity occurred.
- 2.) How many employees were trained in the activity?

¹ The employee log was used to identify both formal and informal training. On the basis of the answers given to the second and third questions, the Bureau of Labor Statistics used an algorithm to classify each reported activity as formal training, informal training, or self-learning (which was not counted as training). See Frazis, Gittleman, Horrigan, and Joyce (1998).

National Employer Survey (NES) 1997

The next set of questions asks about structured or formal training. This may be offered at your establishment or at another location and may occur during working hours or at other times. Formal training includes all types of training activities that have a pre-defined objective as opposed to informal, on-the-job training. [READ IF NECESSARY: Examples of structured or formal training include seminars, lectures, workshops, audio-visual presentations, apprenticeships, and structured on-the-job training.

- 1.) Do you pay for or provide any formal training, either on-the-job (by supervisors or outside contractors) or at a school or technical institute?
 - 2.) In the past year, what percent of supervisors [managers and professionals, technical/technical support, office/clerical/sales/customer service, production employees] received formal training?
 - 3.) What is the average number of training hours each supervisor [managers or professional, technical/technical support, office/clerical/sales/customer service, production employees] received?
 - 4.) Which of the following areas did supervisors [managers or professional, technical/technical support, office/clerical/sales/customer service, production employees] receive formal training?
 - a.) Improving teamwork or problem-solving skills
 - b.) Training in sales and customer service
 - c.) Training to use computers and/or new equipment
 - d.) Training on the safe use of equipment and tools
 - e.) Remedial skills in literacy and arithmetic²

National Household Education Survey (NHES) 1995

Now I would like to ask you about different kinds of education and training programs, courses, workshops, and seminars you may have taken during the past 12 months. (Please don't include day-time high school programs).

A. English as a Second Language

- 1.) These first questions are about English as a Second Language <u>only</u>. Please do not include other classes here. During the past 12 months, did you have a tutor or take any classes to learn English as a Second Language?
 - 2.) In the past 12 months, how many weeks did you attend ESL classes? [DO NOT ROUND USE DECIMAL IF NEEDED]
 - 3.) For about how many hours (per day/per week) did you attend during the time you were going to ESL class?
 - 4.) What school, organization, or business provided (most of) the instruction for the ESL classes?
 - 5.) Was (DISPLAY PROVIDER STRING) also your employer?
 - 6.) (Not counting your self-employment,) Was your employer aware that you were taking or took an ESL class?
 - 7.) Did your employer...
 - a.) Give you time off from work with or without pay?
 - b.) Provide classroom space?
 - c.) Pay all or part of the cost, including tuition, books, and other costs like transportation?

B. Basic Skills and GED Preparation

- 1.) Not including regular day-time high school classes, <u>during the past 12 months</u>, did you have a tutor or take any classes:
 - a.) To improve your basic reading, writing, and math skills?
 - b.) To prepare to take the General Educational Development, or GED?
 - c.) In some other high school equivalency program or adult high school program?

C. Credential

- 1.) (Not including classes you told us about earlier,) <u>During the past 12 months</u>, did you take any courses that are part of a program, or a series of courses associated with a <u>program</u> leading toward...
 - a.) A college or university degree, such as an associate's, bachelor's, or graduate degree?
 - b.) A diploma or certificate from a vocational or technical school after high school or a formal vocational training program?

[Pattern similar #2-7]

D. Apprenticeship

- 1.) <u>During the past 12 months</u>, were you in a formal apprenticeship program leading to journeyman status in a skilled trade or craft?
 - 2.) How long does the whole apprenticeship last?
 - 3.) How many hours per week are scheduled for on-the-job training?
 - 4.) How many hours per week of formal classroom instruction are scheduled?

[Pattern similar to #2-7]

E. Career or Job Related Activities

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² The question on remedial skills in literacy and arithmetic was not asked for the group of managers and professionals.

1.)	Now, I'd like to ask you about courses related to a job or career, whether or not you had a job when you took the course. (Please don't include courses you already told me about.) Some examples are courses taken at your job, courses taken somewhere else that relate to your job or a new career, or courses for a license or certification you need for your job. Have you taken any of these in the past 12 months? [Pattern repeats #2-7]

Table 2—Incidence of Employer-Provided Training in the Past Year

_			Survey	
	1997	1995 SEPT	1995 NHES	
	20 or More	50 or More	50 or More	All
Measure of Incidence	Employees	Employees	Employees	Establishments
Percentage of establishments providing	72.4	77.6	02.5	
formal training in the past year	72.4	77.6	92.5	_
Percentage of workers receiving formal training in the past year	_	_	69.8	36.7
Percentage of workers receiving informal training with their current employer (past year)	_	_	95.8	_

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¹⁹⁹⁵ Survey of Employer Provided Training (SEPT) figures are from Frazis, Gittleman, Horrigan, and Joyce (1998).

¹⁹⁹⁵ National Household Education Survey (NHES) figures are from Urban Institute weighted tabulations of the NHES 1995 publicuse data.

Table 3—Intensity of Employer-Provided Training

		Survey	
	1995 SEPT	1995 SEPT	1995 NHES
	Employer	Employee	
	50 or More	50 or More	All
Measure of Intensity and Universe	Employees	Employees	Establishments
Formal Training			
Hours per worker over 6 month period	10.7	13.4	32.7
Hours per worker over 1 year period	_	_	65.4
Percent of workers receiving—over 1 year period			
0 Hours	_	_	63.9
1-40 Hours	_	_	15.0
41-80 Hours	_	_	6.2
81-120 Hours	_	_	3.1
121-160 Hours	_	_	2.0
More than 160 Hours	_	_	9.8
Informal Training			
Hours per worker over 6 month period	_	31.1	_

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1995 National Household Education Survey (NHES) figures are from Urban Institute weighted tabulations of the NHES 1995 public-use data.

Notes:

6 month period is May-October 1995 for the SEPT and average for past year (1994) divided by 2 for the NHES.

Table 4—Incidence of Employer-Provided Training Over Time and Across Data Sources
Percentage of Establishments Providing Formal Training

Study	Data set	Universe	Measurement	Time interval	Percent
Current	1997 NES	Establishments with 20 or more employees	Employer paid for or provided	Past year	72
Current	1997 NES	Establishments with 50 or more employees	Employer paid for or provided	Past year	78
Frazis, Gittleman, Horrigan, and Joyce (1998)	1995 SEPT	Establishments with 50 or more employees	Employer provided or financed	Past year	93
Lynch and Black (1995)	1994 NES	Establishments with 20 or more employees	Employer paid for or provided	Past year	81
Frazis, Herz, and Horrigan (1995)	1993 SEPT	All establishments	Employer provided or financed	During 1993	71
Frazis, Herz, and Horrigan (1995)	1993 SEPT	Establishments with 50 or more employees	Employer provided or financed	During 1993	98-99

Note: Lynch and Black (1995), using the 1994 NES, find that 97 percent of establishments with 20 or more employees offered informal training.

Table 5—Incidence of Employer-Provided Training Over Time and Across Data Sources
Percentage of Workers Receiving Formal Training

Study	Data set	Universe	Measurement	Time interval	Percent
Frazis, Gittleman, Horrigan, and Joyce (1998)	1995 SEPT	Establishments with 50 or more employees	Employer provided or financed	Past year	70
Current	1995 NHES	Employed persons age 16+	Any employer provided or supported course	Past year	37
Current	1995 NHES	Employed persons age 16+	Employer provided or supported career or job related courses	Past year	27
Bruno (1995)	1993 SIPP	All persons age 18-64	Employer paid	Ever	13
Barnow, Giannarelli, and Long (1996)	1991 NHES	Employed persons age 16+	Improvement courseany course provided by employer	Past year	16-19
Barnow, Giannarelli, and Long (1996)	1991 CPS	Employed persons age 16+	Improvement training from a formal company program	With current employer	16
Kominski and Sutterlin (1992)	1990 SIPP	All persons age 18-64	Employer paid for most recent job related training	Ever	12
Kominski (1990)	1987 SIPP	All persons age 18-64		Ever	11
Kominski (1987)	1984 SIPP	All persons age 18-64		Ever	6
Haber (1988)	1984 SIPP	Employed persons	Received most recent job related training at work	With current employer	8
Lillard and Tan (1986)*	1983 CPS		Company (formal) training program	With current employer	12
Hollenbeck and Willke (1985)*	1983 CPS			With current employer	11
Tierney (1983)*	1981 CPS		Employer-provided training programs	Last year	5

^{*} As cited in Brown (1990)

Table 6—Incidence of Employer-Provided Formal Training by Worker Characteristics: Percent of Workers Receiving in Past Year

	Survey				
	1997	NES	1995 SEPT	1995 NHES	
	Percent estabs. w/	Percent estabs. w/	Percent workers in estabs.	Percent workers	
Worker Characteristics	20+ employeess	50+ employees	w/ 50+ employees	in all estabs.	
Total (formal training in past year)	_	_	69.8	36.7	
Age					
25 years and younger	_	_	63.4	43.1	
25 to 34 years	_	_	78.5	37.3	
35 to 44 years	_	_	74.7	39.5	
45 to 54 years	_	_	64.7	36.9	
55 years and older	_	_	50.7	20.3	
Sex					
Men	_	_	66.5	36.0	
Women	_	_	73.1	37.5	
Race and Origin					
White	_	_	70.4	37.8	
Black	_	_	70.6	32.5	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	_	_		36.5	
Asian/Pacfic Islander	_	_		36.3	
Hispanic	_	_	73.7	24.6	
Educational Attainment					
High School Graduate or Less	_	_	60.1	22.2	
Some College	_	_	67.8	44.1	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	_	_	89.7	50.0	
Occupation					
Managerial & Administrative	43.7	49.8	80.2	49.8	
Supervisors	47.3	49.7 52.5		<u> </u>	
Professional, Paraprofessional, Technical	54.8	52.5	84.8	54.9	
Sales, Clerical, & Administrative Support Service	37.1	39.6	72.5 49.8	33.3 32.0	
Production, Construct., Operating, Mainten.	43.6	— 48.5	49.8 66.3	24.3	
Other	45.0 —	46. <i>3</i> —	— —	50.6	
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Usual Hours Worked Per Week			56.1	24.0	
Under 35 Hours 35 Hours or More	_	_	56.1 71.6	34.8 38.6	
33 Hours of More	_	_	/1.0	36.0	
Earnings			61.0	27.1	
First Quartile	_		61.8	27.1	
Second Quartile Third Quartile	_	_	74.5 62.0	31.3 42.1	
Fourth Quartile	_	_	84.0	49.3	
Tenure with Current Employer					
Up to 2 years	_	_	67.5	32.8	
More than 2 years and up to 5 years	_	_	56.8	36.5	
More than 5 years and up to 10 years	_	_	79.7	36.7	
More than 10 years	_		75.3	39.4	
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1995 National Household Education Survey (NHES) figures are from Urban Institute weighted tabulations of the NHES 1995 public-use data.

Table 7—Intensity of Employer-Provided Formal Training by Worker Characteristics: Mean Hours per Worker (6Mnth)

	Survey			
•	1997		1995 SEPT	1995 NHES
•	Workers in estabs.	Workers in estabs.	Workers in estabs.	All Workers
Worker Characteristics	w/ 20+ employees	w/ 50+ employees	w/ 50+ employees	
Total (over 6-month period)	_	_	13.4	32.7
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Age				
25 years and younger	_	_	2.7	83.9
25 to 34 years	_	_	14.0	32.5
35 to 44 years	_	_	15.4	23.8
45 to 54 years	_	_	17.2	17.7
55 years and older	_	_	5.7	7.9
Sex				
Men	_	_	12.2	34.1
Women	_	_	14.6	31.2
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Race and Origin			12.6	21.7
White	_	_	13.6	31.7
Black	_	_	13.8	35.3
American Indian/Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific Islander	_	_	_	29.9 44.9
	_	_	11.0	52.5
Hispanic	_	_	11.0	32.3
Educational Attainment				
High School Graduate or Less	_	_	10.9	15.0
Some College	_	_	14.3	55.6
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	_	_	16.1	33.8
Occupation				
Occupation Managerial & Administrative	15.7	20.1	4.3	27.2
Supervisors	15.8	12.2	4.5	<i>21.2</i>
Professional, Paraprofessional, Technical	12.7	14.3	22.3	38.6
Sales, Clerical, & Administrative Support	7.0	7.8	10.2	30.8
Service	—		5.6	39.8
Production, Construct., Operating, Mainten.	11.8	12.6	15.2	22.3
Other	_	_	_	43.9
Usual Hours Worked Per Week				
Under 35 Hours	_	_	4.8	52.7
35 Hours or More	_	_	14.6	25.4
Earnings				
First Quartile		_	4.1	41.6
Second Quartile	_	_	11.6	25.9
Third Quartile	_	_	15.9	27.6
Fourth Quartile		_	22.8	27.7
Tenure with Current Employer			8.9	25 1
Up to 2 years More than 2 years and up to 5 years	_	_	8.9 4.5	35.1 36.7
More than 2 years and up to 5 years More than 5 years and up to 10 years	_	_	4.5 19.5	32.3
More than 10 years	_	_	21.1	20.9
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Table 8—Incidence of Employer-Provided Formal Training in the Past Year by Establishment Characteristics

			Survey		
	1997	NES	1995 SEPT	1995 SEPT	1995
			Employer	Employee	NHES
	Percent estabs.	Percent estabs.	Percent estabs.	Percent workers	Percent
E-4-11-1	w/ 20+	w/ 50+	w/ 50+	in estabs. w/ 50+	workers in
Establishment Characteristics	employees	employees	employees	employees	all estabs.
Total (formal training in past year)	72.4	77.6	92.5	69.8	36.7
Establishment Size					
20-50 Employees	69.2	_	_	_	
50-99 Employees	72.4		90.8	61.6	
100-249 Employees	82.3	_	_	_	_
250-999 Employees	86.5	_	_	_	_
100-499 Employees	_	_	94.4	73.0	_
500 or More Employees	_	_	98.1	71.0	_
1000 or More Employees	93.0	_	_	_	_
Industry					
Mining			96.7	94.7	30.6
Construction	72.3	80.9	94.7	71.2	25.0
Manufacturing	_	_	_	_	27.8
Durable Goods	80.5	81.1	88.1	78.3	_
Nondurable Goods	64.4	72.6	95.2	85.4	_
Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities	77.0	77.8	96.5	81.4	37.6
Wholesale Trade	69.1	81.8	98.4	68.1	21.4
Retail Trade	69.0	71.5	88.7	48.8	24.7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	89.2	92.9	95.6	87.4	49.7
Services	76.3	82.3	93.5	70.7	37.4
Other	67.6	71.6	_	_	46.0
Turnover					
Low	71.5	73.4	92.7	78.3	_
Medium	73.0	81.9	96.0	74.7	_
High	72.6	72.9	88.6	60.7	_
Union Presence					
No Employees Represented	72.3	78.3	92.9	71.6	_
Some Employees Represented	74.2	73.7	90.6	65.7	_
Number of Selected Benefits					
Six or Fewer	63.6	63.6	89.5	62.9	_
Seven or More	84.3	87.0	99.6	76.9	_
Presence of Contract Employees					
No Contract Employees	73.6	73.6	90.2	63.6	_
Some Contract Employees	81.1	81.1	98.5	77.0	_

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Table 9—Intensity of Employer-Provided Formal Training by Establishment Characteristics: Mean Hours per Worker Over Six Months

		Survey	
	1995 SEPT	1995 SEPT	1995 NHES
	Employer	Employee	1773 111123
	Workers in estabs.	Workers in estabs.	All workers
Establishment Characteristics	w/ 50+ employees	w/ 50+ employees	All WOIKEIS
Establishment Characteristics	w/ 30+ chiployees	w/ 30+ chiployees	
Total (over 6-month period)	10.7	13.4	32.7
Establishment Size			
1-50 Employees	_	_	_
50-99 Employees	5.7	8.2	_
100-499 Employees	12.1	13.5	_
500 or More Employees	12.0	16.6	_
Industry			
Mining	14.4	17.2	6.2
Construction	5.0	11.4	25.9
Manufacturing	_	_	18.3
Durable Goods	11.7	20.8	
Nondurable Goods	11.9	21.7	_
Transportation, Communications, and Public Utilities	18.3	17.6	36.4
Wholesale Trade	8.4	8.3	20.1
Retail Trade	3.7	3.7	36.2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	16.6	16.6	32.8
Services	11.0	11.0	35.0
Other	_	_	34.0
Turnover			
Low	10.8	27.3	_
Medium	12.5	15.6	
High	7.2	7.6	_
Union Presence			
No Employees Represented	11.0	14.0	_
Some Employees Represented	9.7	12.1	_
Number of Selected Benefits			
Six or Fewer	7.1	10.2	_
Seven or More	14.8	16.7	_
Presence of Contract Employees			
No Contract Employees	8.1	8.7	_
Some Contract Employees	13.6	18.7	

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Table 10—Incidence and Intensity of Formal Employer-Provided Training by Type of Training

	Survey								
	1997	NES	1995	SEPT	1995	SEPT	1995 N	NHES	
			Employer Employee			oloyee	ee		
Type of Training	Percent estabs. w/ 20+ employees (past year)	Percent estabs. w/ 50+ employees (past year)	Percent estabs. w/ 50+ employees (past year)	Mean hours for workers in estabs w/ 50+ emps. (6 mnths)	Percent workers in estabs. with 50+ emps. (past year)	Mean hours for workers in estabs. w/ 50+ emps. (6 mnths)	Percent of all workers (past year)	Mean hours for all workers (6mnths)	
Total	72.4	77.6	92.5	10.7	69.8	13.4	36.7	32.7	
Type of Training									
Management	_	_	66.8	0.8	16.3	0.6	_	_	
Professional and Technical Skills	_	_	49.4	1.3	21.4	1.9	_	_	
Computer Skills	63.5	72.8	65.5	2.1	23.5	5.1	_	_	
Clerical and Administrative Support			38.1	0.5	8.4	0.6	_	_	
Sales and Customer Relations	58.9	58.5	50.5	0.8	15.1	0.6	_	_	
Service-Related	_	_	27.0	0.6	5.9	0.3	_	_	
Production and construction-Related	_	_	29.6	1.1	11.3	2.0	_	_	
Basic or Remedial Skills	16.4	17.3	9.4	0.1	2.3	0.0	_	_	
Occupational Safety	58.5	65.8	71.7	1.2	42.8	0.6	_	_	
Communication, Employee	_	_	45.7	1.4	22.8	1.5	_	_	
Development and Quality									
Employee Wellness	_	_	37.3	0.1	_	_	_	_	
Orientation	_	_	72.5	0.2	_	_	_	_	
Awareness	_	_	51.7	0.6	_	_	_	_	
Other	_	_	0.3	0.1	1.4	0.2	_	_	
Teamwork and Problem Solving	62.8	69.4	_	_	_	_	_	_	
English as a Second Language	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.2	0.1	
Basic Skills or GED Prep	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.4	0.3	
Credit Courses/Programs	_	_	_	_	_	_	10.3	20.7	
Apprenticeship	9.1	9.9	24.4	_	_	_	1.6	1.9	
Career or Job-Related Courses	_	_	_	_	_	_	27.1	9.7	
Mentoring Programs	9.5	10.1	44.1		_	_	_	_	

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